

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include corrections to FIG. 1A. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIG. 1A.

Specifically, FIG. 1A has been revised to change the reference numeral "1A" to --1B--.

REMARKS

Amendment

No new matter has been added. The amendments to the specification and claims address typographical and spelling errors and improve antecedent basis. The amendments do not surrender any scope of any claim as originally filed.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 53 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Invention I – Claims 1-42, drawn to electron beam exposure methods, classified in class 430, subclass 296; and

Invention II – Claims 43-53, drawn to an electron beam lithography system, classified in class 250, subclass 492.3.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Invention I, claims 1 through 42, without traverse.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on April 14, 2004, and respectfully requests that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08A form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the amendments, as set forth herein and in the Appendices attached hereto, prior to the examination of the application on the merits is respectfully submitted.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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